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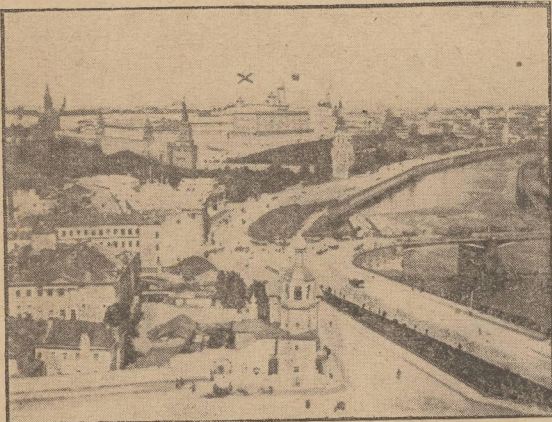
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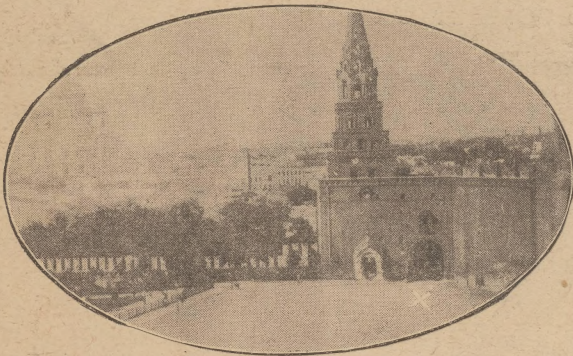
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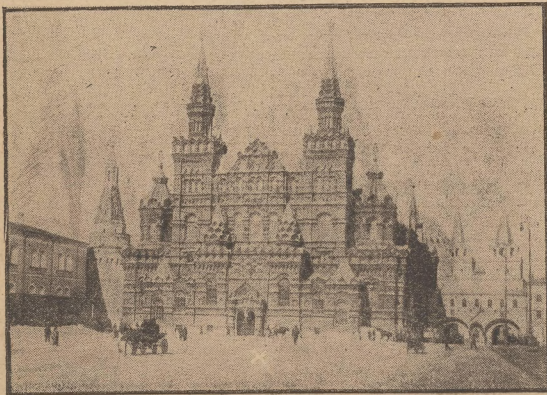
MOSCOW TRAGEDY—VICTIM AND WIDOWED GRAND DUCHESS.



The Palace of the late Grand Duke Sergius within the walls of the Kremlin at Moscow is marked by a black cross in the photograph above. It was while driving towards it that he fell a victim to a well-aimed detonating bomb.



The Nikolski Gate of the Kremlin, leading into the famous Red Square. The Grand Duke's carriage passed through the gate, marked by a white cross, just before the bomb was thrown.



The white cross shows what is supposed to be the exact spot where the bomb was exploded beneath the carriage of the Grand Duke Sergius. The large building in the photograph is the Historical Museum at Moscow.



This is the latest portrait taken of the assassinated Grand Duke Sergius with the Grand Duchess, who is the sister of the Tsaritsa and the daughter of King Edward's favourite sister, the late Princess Alice. The Duchess did not share the unpopularity of her husband, and was repeatedly warned not to ride in public in the same carriage as the Grand Duke.

TERROR REIGNS IN RUSSIA.

Imperial Family in Suspense
as to Their Fate.

"NEXT ON THE LIST."

Revolutionaries Tell Dowager Em-
press That Her Life Is Forfeit.

TSAR'S MANIFESTO.

ST. PETERSBURG, Sunday Night.—As the details of the terrible crime at Moscow have gradually become known, they have only increased the profound impression produced here by the first news, causing a feeling of general consternation.

It is stated that the Imperial Family is completely prostrated by the tragic event and the awful suspense of uncertainty as to what will happen next.

The Dowager-Empress is alleged to have received a letter from the Social Revolutionary Party on Friday night, intimating that her time on earth would be short, as her name was next on the list.

It is also stated that on the same evening the Grand Dukes held a family council at the Palace of the Grand Duke Vladimir, and decided to make urgent representations to the Emperor as to the necessity of taking immediate measures to restore public tranquillity.

SHOWER OF SEDITION.

On the other hand, revolutionary literature of the most violent character is being disseminated broadcast throughout the capital, and is picked up everywhere on the staircases of offices and factories and other similar places, where the pamphlets can be scattered unobserved.

Numbers have, however, also been picked up on the bridges and other public places. These proclamations call upon the workmen to make armed reprisals, and also openly declare that disaffection is fast spreading in the army.

On the day of the funeral the Tsar, the heads of the official and military world, and the members of the diplomatic body will attend a requiem service at Tsarskoe Selo. It is understood that this decision has been taken owing to the troubled condition of the country which renders it desirable for high personages to avoid attending public functions.

The Grand Duke Paul will arrive here to-day. It is stated that he is coming at the express wish of the Emperor, who desires to hear from him the opinion of foreign Governments and peoples upon the internal situation in this country.—Reuter's Special Service.

THE GRAND DUKE'S FUNERAL.

Body Lying in State and Guarded by Friends
and Soldiers.

MOSCOW, Sunday.—The remains of the Grand Duke Sergius are now-reposing in Chandoff Monastery. The coffin is half covered with a Grand Ducal pall, made of gold embroidery with ermine borders.

On either side are arranged the Grand Duke's decorations, according to the rank each represents. Twice daily prayers are said by the clergy.

Watching the coffin in turn are generals and officials of the first, second, third, and fourth ranks of the Court, and personal friends of the late Grand Duke.

Outside the monastery detachments of troops are keeping watch, and before the door are posted two sentinels of the Moscow garrison.

At the funeral the Moscow Metropolitan will officiate, assisted by all the highest dignitaries of the Church.

It is thought that the body will be interred at Ilinskoje, and will be brought to St. Petersburg and placed in the cathedral of the fortress of St. Peter and St. Paul at a later date, and in quieter times.—Reuter Special Service.

TSAR'S DISTRESS.

His Majesty Makes a Pathetic Appeal to His
People's Feelings.

ST. PETERSBURG, Saturday.—The following Imperial manifesto was issued to-day:—

It has pleased Providence to afflict us with severe grief. Our beloved uncle, the Grand Duke Sergius Alexandrovitch, has died on February 4 (O.S.), in the forty-eighth year of his life, having fallen by the wicked hands of assassins, who aimed at his life, so dear to us.

Lamenting in him the uncle and friend, whose whole life, activity, and care were constantly de-

voted to the service of ourselves and the Fatherland, we firmly trust that all our loyal subjects will feel the heartiest sympathy with the sorrow which has befallen our Imperial House, and will join their hearty prayers with ours for the repose of the soul of the deceased.
Given at Tsarskoe Selo.—NICHOLAS.—Reuter.

According to the "Echo de Paris," the Tsar, when he had regained his usual calmness, decided to grant the promised reforms.

SHAM SISTERS OF CHARITY.

Said To Be Accomplices of the Grand Duke's
Assassins.

PARIS, Sunday.—The "Echo de Paris" states that, in addition to the official version, a semi-official account of the Grand Duke's murder is in circulation.

In a carriage following close behind the Grand Duke's carriage were apparently two Sisters of Charity, who, as their carriage drew up level with the Grand Ducal equipage, made signals to two men dressed as workpeople, who placed themselves in front of the horses attached to the Grand Duke's vehicle, and so forced the coachman to slacken speed.

At the same time the bogus Sisters of Charity drove rapidly away, and a sledge, which till now had kept in the background, came hurriedly to the scene.

When in close proximity to the Grand Duke an occupant hurled a bomb at the carriage of his Highness, and in a moment a terrible explosion had taken place and the Grand Duke was no more.—Exchange.

ENGLISH COURT IN MOURNING.

The Lord Chamberlain announces that the King has commanded that the Court shall wear mourning from to-morrow for one week for his late Imperial Highness the Grand Duke Sergius Alexandrovitch, G.C.B., uncle of the Emperor of Russia.

Ladies who have already provided themselves with dresses for the Court to be held on Friday, the 26th inst., need not appear in Court mourning.

STRIKE MOVEMENT GROWS.

The strike movement in Russia is extending in all directions.

The following have now ceased work on a demand for better hours and wages:—

20,000 men at Sormovo Works, St. Petersburg.
Telegraph operators on the Moscow-Rijian Railway.

Chemists' assistants at Moscow.

Employees on the Windau-Rybinsk Railway.

Bank clerks at Warsaw.

Compositors at Lodz.

RUSSIANS AGGRESSIVE.

Engagement in Prospect Which Will Be
Unique in Military Annals.

General Kutropatkin is believed to be preparing to assume the aggressive on the Sha-ho.

An effort to disperse a band of Hunhuses under Japanese leaders resulted disastrously for General Lenizky's forces. After pursuing the enemy 180 yards, the Russians were surrounded by six squadrons of Japanese cavalry, four companies of infantry, and 2,000 Hunhuses.

The Japanese also pursued a raiding force of 15,000 Russian cavalry, and inflicted damage on it. A general engagement is expected which will be unique in military annals, the front extending a distance of sixty-two miles.

BOMB IN PARIS.

Aggrieved Mexican Nearly Killed by Prema-
ture Explosion.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

PARIS, Sunday.—About five o'clock yesterday evening in the Rue Lemennais, near the Arc de Triomphe, passers-by were startled by a loud report and a large column of smoke which rose from the pavement.

When the smoke had cleared away a man was found kneeling on the ground, his face and hands covered with blood, and his clothes torn to shreds.

A crowd soon gathered, and the man, when pressed with questions, replied in broken French that he had intended to throw a bomb at the Mexican Legation.

It is stated that the name of the wounded man is Andres Garcia. He is of Spanish origin, and at one time possessed large estates in Mexico.

A few years ago Mexico made over to England a strip of territory, on which Garcia's land was situated.

Garcia was promised £120,000 indemnity, but the money was never paid. Garcia vainly appealed to the authorities, and finally resolved to come to Paris and make a demonstration before the Mexican Legation.

Yesterday he placed himself in the vicinity of the Legation, but while he was waiting for the Mexican Minister the bomb exploded and inflicted terrible injuries.

Three fingers and the thumb of one hand were torn away, and the hand will have to be amputated.

WILD THEATRE SCENE

Riotous Students Bombard a Stage
with Buns and Oranges.

Manchester engineering apprentices were responsible for some remarkable scenes at Saturday night's performance of "Mother Goose" at the Theatre Royal, Manchester.

There were 150 of them, under an enterprising leader, and they soon took charge of the choruses, making the theatre ring with their hilarity.

Most of them were content to limit their admiration for the performers to bouquet-throwing.

One ardent youth, however, threw an orange at a member of the ballet. It struck a performer in the orchestra, and while the latter was entering his protest to the manager, the disorder reached a climax.

The banquet scene was on, and George Robey's gag, "What price the big loaf?" was apparently a preconceived signal for the apprentices with one accord to bombard the stage with buns.

The performers took it in good part, but "Little Gansy," sitting on a rather precarious stool, was hit with two missiles, rolled on the floor, and sought shelter under the table.

At last the manager was compelled to send for the police, who removed the ringleader and some of his most doughty supporters.

The whole of the apprentices then walked out, but finally peace was restored by a collective apology to the theatre authorities.

PAINTED HIS HEAD RED.

Scandalous Pranks of St. Andrews Under-
graduates Continue.

Students of St. Andrew's University, who have recently gained notoriety by ragging unpopular undergraduates, continue, in spite of warnings, to hold mock trials.

One unpopular student had his head shaved and covered with red paint, and another victim who had declined to share in university revels was carried to the famous golf links and ducked in a muddy stream.

PEER'S MISSING HEIR FOUND.

Irish Nobleman's Son Enlists as a Private in
the United States Army.

The mysterious disappearance from a New York hotel of the Hon. Arthur Reginald French, son of Baron de Freyne, the well-known Irish landlord, has been happily solved.

It was feared at first that he had been spirited away by interested parties. The truth is that he has enlisted in a company of the well-known Eighth Regiment of the United States Army.

Found on Saturday on Long Island, he informed an interviewer that his original intention was to go to Canada to join the North-West Mounted Police.

Considerations of climate—he hardly liked the idea of 40deg. below zero—deterred him, and his love for soldiering induced him to take service for three years under the United States flag.

Lieutenant French, who is only twenty-six years of age, and only recently resigned his commission in the Royal Fusiliers, had been missing since January 19, and it was feared that he had been the victim of foul play.

WATER SENT BY RAIL.

Police Supervise Its Distribution to Needy
Lincoln Citizens.

Thirty-three fresh cases have been registered in the typhoid epidemic in Lincoln up to Sunday night, bringing the total to 678.

It is hoped that the steps taken for the supply of good drinking-water will speedily result in stamping out the disease.

Through the kindness of Alderman Smith, of Newark, many thousand gallons are sent by rail from Newark daily free of charge and served out from railway tenders to the public under police superintendence.

The deaths from the epidemic number about fifty.

TEN DAYS ENTOMBED.

For ten days a miner has been entombed in Brandon-on-the-Moor Colliery, West Bromwich. Night and day, shift after shift of eager workers have been labouring to reach him.

There were fifteen men in the mine at the time of the disaster on February 10. One man, named Bowater, lost his life, and Joseph Cornwall was shut in by the falling debris.

SPORTSMAN KILLED BY A TRAIN.

A party of pigeon shooters walking along the railway at Stillington, Stockton-on-Tees, on Saturday night, were run into by a train. One was killed and three were injured.

DIARY OF AN M.P.

Government's Danger from the
Coming Irish Debate.

AWKWARD MUDDLE.

Sunday Evening.—The first round in the Parliamentary fight has come to an end, Mr. Balfour emerging from the ring without any real damage being done to him. By general consent this is due more to his skillful parrying of his opponents' thrusts than the severity of his own attacks. Whoever else may suffer in Parliamentary reputation, the Prime Minister steadily improves his position as the best man the House has had for many a long day for dealing with a difficult situation.

"Balfour will get out all right," say the Government supporters on the eve of a critical debate, while the opposition say, "He is as slippery as an eel," expresses the mind of the Opposition. No other man in the House could have kept his majority together last week but the First Lord, and to do it without giving the slightest bit of further information as to his fiscal intentions was surely a remarkable achievement.

Whether he can do the same thing very often it would be hard to say, but up to the present his tactics have certainly succeeded, and his friends are quite content to allow the future to take care of itself.

CABINET DIVIDED.

To the average Englishman the present agitation in Ireland over Sir Anthony Macdonnell is nothing more than an ordinary Irish row, without any real political significance. To those intimately acquainted with the situation there is unanimous agreement that it is not less dangerous to the existence of the Unionist Government than the fiscal controversy itself.

Already we have the not very edifying spectacle of Cabinet Ministers publicly taking different sides on the question. Lord Lansdowne, by his speech in the Lords on Friday, leaves no doubt in anybody's mind that he considers the Under-Secretary for Ireland did no more than he was entitled to do in co-operating with Lord Dunraven in propounding a new scheme of Irish self-government; while the Lord-Lieutenant has written a letter emphatically endorsing his views. Lord Londonderry, on the other hand, is in open sympathy with Sir Edward Carson in his denunciation of Sir Anthony's action.

It is this that makes the debate that begins to-morrow, and which will last two days, so very interesting in a political sense.

The whole object of the debate from the Nationalist point of view will be to drive home the responsibility of Mr. Wyndham for anything and everything that his subordinate was privy to. In one of Sir Anthony's letters to Lord Dunraven—read in the House of Lords on Friday—it is clearly stated that Mr. Wyndham knew of the negotiations. This is in direct contradiction to Mr. Wyndham's statement that he knew nothing of the negotiations till he saw the result published in the "Times."

RESIGNATIONS PROBABLE.

The "Times" has already expressed its opinion that both the Lord Lieutenant and the Under-Secretary should resign; but it is quite possible there may be other contractions before the present controversy is ended, and that neither of these two gentlemen will be affected.

In official Liberal circles I hear the view is taken that the Irish debate is certain to be extremely damaging to the Government. Frankly, I do not see how it can be otherwise.

I learn on good authority that there is trouble in the Army Council over the proposals, that have been submitted for bringing the Guards regiments up to their proper standard in respect to their number of officers.

Summonses have been issued for a Cabinet Council to be held to-morrow.

THUNDER AND SNOW.

Remarkably Rapid Changes of Weather at
the Week-end.

Scotland especially has been suffering from rapid fluctuations of weather this week-end. Saturday night it was extremely close; early yesterday a violent thunderstorm was accompanied by a deluge of rain; last night there was a heavy snowstorm with intense cold.

In London yesterday the morning was spring-like, the afternoon drizzly, with a high and bitterly cold wind at times, and the evening pleasantly cool, the moon shining brilliantly after her partial eclipse at 5.54.

SHOWER OF DIAMOND RINGS.

Diamond rings rolled out of a jeweller's window on to the pavement at Merthyr Tydfil on Saturday when a tramp willfully broke the plate-glass.

The jewels were picked up by the manager, and the man was arrested, whilst the premises had to be closed.

TRAGEDY OF TWO HALFPENNIES.

Starving Wife Spends Them for Gas
To See Her Husband Die.

PATHETIC STORY.

A situation more poignantly dramatic than any playwright will dare to introduce into a tragedy is reported from that metropolis of hunger and distress, Canning Town.

The story of starvation is in itself all too commonplace in that famine-stricken district. It is an unheard-of incident that raises the tragic story from the sad level of such cases.

In a wretched room in a little house in Canning Town a man lay dying of pneumonia. He had been out of work for six months. His disease had been aggravated by slow starvation, and the poor fellow's case was hopeless.

The room was faintly illumined by a gas jet. By its glimmer the poor watching wife saw the change of death come over her husband's pallid face. She pressed nearer the pallet on which he lay and grasped his hand. Then the gas went out. It was regulated by a penny-in-the-slot meter, and the poor pennyworth was exhausted.

Darkness shared the room with death. The poor woman suffered an agony of grief. She could not even see the face of her dying partner. There was not another penny in the house, but she had two halfpennies, and she ran into the street to get them changed for a penny, so that the light might be restored for her to see the last message of farewell in her husband's glazing eyes.

Tragic Quest for a Penny.

With feet cut by the stones—the poor creature had no boots—she rushed out into the street, and obtained from a passer-by a penny for her two halfpennies. Then she hurried back, and in a few moments her husband was dead.

The story was told to the *Daily Mirror* by Mr. Ridgeley, who administers the West Ham Children's Dinner and Clothing Fund.

"A neighbour of the poor widow's brought me the news," he said, "and I went and found her with four little children—absolutely starving."

"I at once got them some food, and I have since investigated the case. Mr. George R. Sims, to whom I mentioned it, has kindly sent me a sovereign for the widow, and any further moneys I may receive will be carefully applied."

"In another recent case I found a woman dangerously ill with influenza."

"She had no clothing whatever on her emaciated body, and the bed—if you can call it a bed—had only a dirty coverlet on it. I think, with care, this woman will pull through."

"Some time ago Mr. George R. Sims accompanied me on a tour of the worst parts of Canning Town and West Ham. I remember one case where we found a poor wife attending to her husband's feet, which were cut and bleeding from his long tramps in search of work."

"Since last November we have given 112,000 meals to children in this district."

"I have read that the alien and the agricultural labourer come to compete with the dockers and others, but I live in the midst of it, and all the men I see are 'Cockneys.'"

GRAVE DUG AT HIS DOOR.

Uncomfortable Plight of an Unpopular
School-Teacher.

A newly-appointed school-teacher at Arigno, near Boyle, Co. Roscommon woke up one morning last week to find an unmistakable grave dug outside his front door.

Consequently a number of police have been drafted in from Boyle to guard the schoolhouse and the teacher.

The trouble has arisen through the local district councillors appointing the son of the former teacher in preference to the nominee of the parish priest.

For this they have been excommunicated by Dr. Hoare, the Roman Catholic Bishop of Ardagh.

CHLOROFORMED BY BURGLARS.

A page-boy at Captain O'Sullivan's house at Burton-on-Trent was found unconscious and gagged in a bedroom and his mistress's jewellery scattered about.

He says he discovered two burglars at work, and they set upon him and brutally assaulted him. Medical testimony now makes it quite clear that the lad was also chloroformed.

CABMEN TO LEARN MOTORING.

A thousand cabmen have signified their willingness to learn to drive motors.

Three times that number are opposed to the innovation, the majority of them being elderly men. Age, however, is no barrier. Any man who qualifies will receive his motor licence, regardless of age.

WHO WAS TO BLAME?

Officials Reticent Over the Disaster to
the Submarine A5.

Petrol, or gasoline, leaked into Submarine A5; a spark instantly ignited the explosive vapour, and six brave men were killed and fourteen injured.

"Shock caused by accidental explosion of petrol vapour," was the verdict the jury delivered at the inquest at Queenstown on Saturday.

Lieutenant Hall, commander of H.M.S. Hazard, said he was not aware of any leaky joints in the petrol tanks to account for the prevalence of vapour, but he had known of leaky joints in other vessels.

The crew were supposed to see that the tanks were properly screwed up. Officers and men were most reliable.

Captain Edgar Lees, of H.M.S. Thames, inspecting Captain of Submarine Boats, said he agreed with Commander Hall.

Copious Petrol Vapour Present.

He believed that in all probability there was petrol vapour in the after-part of the boat, which was exploded by a spark, not from a switch, but from one of the more distant points to which there was current.

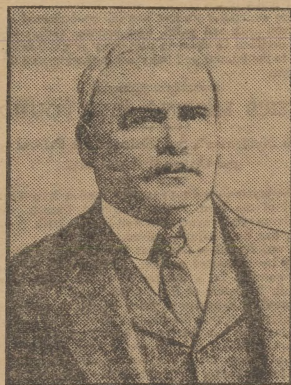
Petrol vapour could only come from leaks or pipes. It was possible there was a leak, but unlikely.

There should be no petrol vapour in the boat at any time. It would be most imprudent to work the switch if there were. Any vapour should have been detected. The only prevention was ventilation.

From what he saw of the boat there must have been a large quantity of petrol vapour in her.

There were only two possible causes for the disaster—accident or culpable negligence. He had no objection to give details to the jury, but not for publication, as France, Germany, and other Powers eagerly sought information about our submarine boats.

MR. J. S. H. BANNER,



Conservative candidate for the Everton Division of Liverpool. The polling has been fixed for Wednesday next.

THE DUKE'S GEOGRAPHY.

Army Chief's Blunder Illustrates the Necessity
for More Precise Knowledge.

What did the British Empire really mean? asked the Duke of Rife at a meeting of the British Empire League on Saturday. It meant, he said, that they were no longer inhabitants of a foggy little island in the North Sea, but citizens of a world-wide Empire, greater than anything the world had seen before.

In emphasising the necessity for the better teaching of Geography, Lord Derby recounted a story of the late Duke of Cambridge.

When he was Commander-in-Chief his Royal Highness wished some troops stationed in one part of Canada to be relieved by troops from another part. It seemed quite simple until it was pointed out that it would be the same as sending troops from the Horse Guards to relieve others in Central Asia.

KING'S NEW TURBINE YACHT.

The five Clyde shipbuilders on the Admiralty list have sent in tenders, plans, and models for a new yacht for King Edward.

The yacht will be considerably smaller than the present Victoria and Albert, which was built at Pembroke dockyard.

It is understood that turbine engines are to be specified for.

The little baby daughter of Mrs. Seymour Hicks (Miss Ellaline Terriss) has been christened Betty Ellaline Mary.

HOSPITAL STRIKE.

Scandal Which Caused Royal Princess
to Cancel an Engagement.

REVELATIONS EXPECTED.

The honorary staff of the Queen's Jubilee Hospital, Earl's Court, founded seventeen years ago by Mr. Fitzroy Benham, M.R.C.S., have resigned in a body.

The hospital is doing excellent work in a poor quarter, and because of the large and ever-increasing demands of the district it has been proposed to build a new wing at a cost of about £5,500, giving accommodation for another forty-five beds.

But with only £2,000 in hand the committee decided not to incur this expenditure, but to limit the undertaking to the erection of the ground floor only, leaving the rest until the necessary money was forthcoming.

The medical staff disapproved, and one of them, an eminent gynaecologist, of Brook-street, wrote to several distinguished supporters of the hospital criticising the action of the committee, whereupon the board passed a resolution condemning the surgeon's action, and in reply the whole staff, with the exception of the founder and Mr. Moore, the dentist, handed in their resignations.

Further, they considered it their duty as honourable men to lay certain facts before Princess Louise of Schleswig-Holstein, who had consented to lay the foundation-stone of the extension, with the result that her Highness cancelled the engagement.

What the Doctors Disapprove.

One of the doctors who has resigned said to the *Daily Mirror* on Saturday that the building dispute was only the culmination of a long series of events.

Their case would appear in the "Lancet" and the "British Medical Journal," but he might say that the staff considered that the hospital had been altogether badly managed; that there was a danger of its being run as a "one-man show"; that the members of the committee were not men of sufficient experience in such matters, and that things had been done which they as honourable men could not put up with.

They did not desire, of course, to leave the patients in the lurch, and had intimated that they would continue to attend to them for a reasonable time. They bore no ill-will towards the hospital, and wished it every success.

Meanwhile, the two house-surgeons have been placed in a somewhat awkward position, and it is uncertain whether they will remain or not, whilst friction between the nurses and the recently-appointed matron has ended in the latter's resignation.

STUDENTS ARE USEFUL.

Prince of Wales's Hospital Inquiry Committee
Give an Important Report.

Clearer distinction between hospitals and the medical schools attached to them, particularly as regards the application of money contributed by the public for maintenance, is strongly recommended by the Committee of Inquiry appointed by the Prince of Wales, as president of King Edward's Hospital Fund for London.

Students keep the physicians and surgeons upon the alert, and also do a great deal of useful work themselves, besides attracting eminent men by the opportunity afforded of teaching them.

But the quiet of a hospital without students must often be a comfort to patients, though the clinical experience of a hospital is to budding doctors invaluable.

£1,000 A GOAL.

How Over 230,000 People Swarmed to
Saturday's Cup-ties.

No fewer than 230,203 spectators were present at the eight Cup-tie football matches on Saturday.

Attendance. Receipts.

Manchester City v. Bolton Wanderers	37,438	£1,447 0 9
Tottenham v. Arsenal	35,000	1,417 18 6
Wolverhampton W. v. Southampton	23,981	1,241 0 0
Sheffield W. v. Portsmouth	36,413	1,238 0 0
Aston Villa v. Burnley	40,000	1,188 0 0
Stoke v. Everton	25,000	920 0 0
Fulham v. Notts Forest	17,000	854 0 0
Bristol City v. Preston	12,571	742 0 3

And all this money was spent in watching 176 football players score twenty-three goals, and as the six winning teams only scored fifteen goals between them it works out at £1,000 a goal.

BISHOP'S CONQUEST OF LIONS.

The Bishop of Chichester told an amusing story at a church gathering at Westminster on Saturday.

He said that the Bishop of Mashedaland vanquished three lions by reading aloud to them the Thirty-nine Articles. On arriving at the Article of Justification by Faith the lions turned tail and fled.

REVIVAL CONQUESTS.

Four Clergymen Among the "Penitents" at the Albert Hall.

The most remarkable converts at the Torrey-Alexander missions have been four clergymen.

One of these stepped forward to the inquiry forms at the meeting for men in Exeter Hall yesterday afternoon. His cloth and clerical collar made him conspicuous amongst the penitents.

It is calculated that a quarter of a million people have attended the twenty-seven meetings of the Torrey-Alexander mission up to date in London.

On Saturday and yesterday evenings thousands could not gain admission to the Albert Hall, and all the boxes are booked a week ahead.

To-morrow the revivalists begin their meetings to business men in Cannon-street Hotel, opening daily at 1.15 and closing at two o'clock sharp.

A new feature is to be a weekly meeting for men and women who have been converted since the mission began.

The audience at the Albert Hall last night was the most "distinguished" yet in attendance. The Bishop of Ripon was present, with the Earl and Countess of Aberdeen, Lord Kinnaird, Lord and Lady Wimborne, several baronets, and seven members of Parliament.

At least fifty men, including a clergyman, responded to the conversion call by standing up all over the hall. One in his eagerness at the close walked forward and asked to have some "man of God speak with me."

CHILDREN'S CRUSADE.

Extraordinary Fervour at a Bangor Juvenile
Revival Meeting.

One little boy at a large children's revival meeting at Bangor thanked God publicly for the conversion of his father, and prayed that he might be held fast.

A little girl's petition for the conversion of her father evoked loud sobs and cries of "Amen" from other children.

A third child prayed for peace between Russia and Japan.

Some difficulty was found in closing the meeting at seven, when the chapel in which it was held was required for an ordinary prayer meeting, many children fervently praying aloud at the same time.

Then, to the number of 500, they marched through the town singing hymns, as they had done before their meeting.

"AGONY" WRITER DEAD.

Clergyman's Strange Posthumous Message
Through the "Times."

The death of a clergyman who preached through the agony column of the "Times" is announced. He was the Rev. T. G. Headley, of the Manor House, Petersham.

Mr. Headley left behind him the following posthumous message, published the day after his death:—

Blood that was murdered in the Jews to shed and defiles is now deemed a power for cleansing the Gentiles.

Every Saturday he used to contribute mysterious sentences to the "Times" agony column under the heading, "Pan-Anglican Congress Problems."

One of these was as follows:—
"Churches pray for Christ's Advent, but to the world 'tis plain."

He would be mocked and rejected if He did come again."

Mr. Headley had formerly held a commission in the Army, but later entered the Church.

"PHYSICAL DRILL" CONDEMNED.

"No physical drill in schools," urged Dr. William Wason in his address at Glasgow on medical science in education.

He frankly went on to confess that the medical profession do not know sufficient about the body in its earlier stages to lay down what movements were beneficial.

He also held that no schools should be more than one storey high, and land should be acquired as romping-grounds for children.

REFUSED THE ROYAL TOAST.

Refusing, on "conscientious" grounds, to propose the King's health at a dinner the Irish Junior Football League are about to give to the Glasgow Junior League team at Belfast, Mr. William Reid, who was to have been chairman, has been replaced by Mr. Harry Crowe.

An arbitrator has awarded £17,217, plus costs, to the Gaiety Theatre Company, being the difference between the cost of the theatre the company would have been satisfied with and the ornate building the L.C.C. wished to have placed on the Aldwych site.

THE KING'S HORSE FALLS DEAD.

Ambush II's Great Steeplechasing Career Cut Short.

POPULAR FAVOURITE.

The King's famous racehorse Ambush II. dropped dead on Saturday while at exercise at the Curragh.

Since he won the Grand National in 1900, amid a scene of enthusiasm which no one who was present will ever forget, he has not shown consistent form. But he remained a popular favourite, and hopes were high that he would repeat his historic victory in the Grand National to be held next month.

Now the great horse's career is over, and perhaps some explanation of his disappointing performance may be found in the disease of the heart which is the suspected cause of his death.

The news created great excitement among the distinguished company assembled at Sandown Park races, and was the topic of universal regret in sporting circles. His Majesty, at the time Prince of Wales, achieved an unique record five years ago by winning in the same season the Grand National, with Ambush II., and the three great classic races—the Two Thousand Guineas, Derby, and St. Leger—with Diamond Jubilee.

Stoutest Irish Blood.

Ambush II., bred eleven years ago, came of the stoutest Irish racing blood, and, as usual in Ireland, was trained from his earliest days for steeplechasing. Though a son of the famous Ben Battle, progenitor of many of the most celebrated champions in their time, Ambush was a heavily-framed horse and did not take kindly to jumping, but careful training converted him into a magnificent type of chaser.

On easy courses Ambush was frequently beaten, and in several essays over his favourite, but difficult, course at Liverpool he had not the best of luck.

Premier honours seemed again within his reach until he fell at the very last jump in the Grand National of 1903, and twelve months ago, when going well in the foremost flight, he was knocked down by another horse jumping sideways. On that occasion no fewer than seventeen competitors came to grief in the course of the contest.

Ambush was bought for the moderate sum of 500 guineas to do duty in the royal colours. He has always been trained in Ireland, and was a popular idol there.

The well-known steeplechase jockey, A. Anthony, invariably rode him, and we heard with regret that Anthony suffered severe injuries when Ambush dropped dead under him on Saturday. The horse had been for years afflicted with rheumatism, but the probable cause of death was heart disease.

TEMPTED BY "PHONETICS."

Mysterious Influence Which Compelled a Convict To Commit Felonies.

"Phonetic influence," said Lester Simmons to Mr. Justice Kennedy at Bristol on Saturday, was the reason he had again lapsed into crime.

Feeling, he went on to say, that he could make himself at home with his Lordship, he proceeded to explain his meaning.

As a young man he enlisted in the Gordon Highlanders, and while at Chatham became friendly with the convict officials who practised mesmerism on him.

He then got into trouble, and for the last twenty years had been compelled on every opportunity by the "phonetic influence" of the police to commit a felony. There were many convicts under the same "phonetic power."

The Judge sent him back to complete a term of penal servitude, and gave him six months' imprisonment in addition.

TOO FAT TO GET WORK.

"He was so abnormally fat that he was unable to obtain work," said a witness at the inquest on Saturday at Westminster on the body of an Austrian butcher named Gustav Fertig, aged twenty-nine, who shot himself in Hyde Park.

IRISH EXPLANATION.

Found raving, surrounded by about 400 children, Mary Dennis was taken in charge for being drunk. At Southwark on Saturday she explained: "I was not drunk, but excited through being murdered by my laundry." She was, however, fined 13s., or ten days.

DOCTOR'S 100 MILE BOAT VOYAGE.

The lot of the medical practitioner on the Newfoundland coast is not a very happy one.

It is not uncommon, says the "British Medical Journal," for a doctor to travel 100 miles by boat—there are no roads—to attend a patient.

BLUNDER OF JUSTICE.

Release of a Man Who Suffered for Another's Fault.

Once again a great error of our criminal jurisdiction has been set right, and the conviction of an innocent man, owing to mistaken identity, quashed by the King's intervention.

A man named Henry Underwood, of Birmingham, was released from gaol on Saturday by order of the Home Secretary. He was sentenced at the last West Bromwich Sessions, in July, to twelve months' imprisonment for fraud, although several witnesses swore that he was many miles away from the place at which the fraud occurred. So he went to prison, but he had a friend who believed in him. And when the successful result of Mr. Beck's appeal was published this friend took upon himself the arduous duty that had been done by Mr. G. R. Sims.

Twice Sentenced.

For three weeks Mr. Angus Lewis, representing the Home Office, stayed at West Bromwich, and made searching inquiries into the whole case. One of the points raised by Underwood being that a previous term of twelve months' imprisonment for a similar offence was equally undeserved.

Then, after this strict investigation, came the following letter from Mr. Akers-Douglas, conveying the good news of liberty to the unjustly imprisoned man:—

Whichall, Feb. 17.

The Secretary of State, having had under his careful consideration the case of Harry Underwood, and having caused careful inquiry to be made by the Treasury solicitor, I am directed to acquaint you that, in view of all the circumstances, he has felt justified in advising His Majesty to remit the remainder of the sentence, and has given instructions for the prisoner's immediate release.—I am your obedient servant,

C. E. TROUT.

Surely here is another good claim for compensation, and it remains to be seen whether Underwood's friends will not call the attention of Parliament to his case.

MR. WILLIAM HANBURY AGGS,



The Liberal candidate for the Everton Division of Liverpool, where a by-election has become necessary by the resignation of Sir J. Willox.

COMEDY OF A "FLIT."

Tenant Takes a Hint from His Landlord's Tale of Woe.

"I feel very sore, Mr. Toy," said Mr. George Edward Young to his tenant on meeting him in Romford-road, East Ham. "A neighbour of yours did a moonlight flit last night."

Mr. Toy expressed his sympathy, and profited by his neighbour's example the same night. He was in arrears with his rent, and also owed the milkman a little bill.

This then he witnessed Mr. Toy's moonlight flit, and followed the furniture was on a bicycle. Later he called on Mr. Toy at his new domicile in Eaton-road, Hford, and presented his account.

The chat turned upon moving day, and Mr. Toy related how he met Mr. Young.

"He never thought I was going to shoot the moon when he was talking to me," said Mr. Toy, who has been ordered to pay £20 for rent and costs.

STOLE A PEERESS'S CLOAK.

"We stole nothing; we only attempted to escape," pleaded Charles Gale, who, with Frederick Easton, was charged on Saturday with stealing a cloak at West Lodge, Winchmore-hill, a seat of the Marchioness of Ely.

Gale was sentenced to five years' penal servitude, and Easton to six months' hard labour.

TYPHUS IN LONDON.

After Twenty Years the Deadly "Gaul Fever" Breaks Out Once More.

ALIEN IMPORTATION.

There has been an outbreak of typhus in Brantford-street, Mile End-road. Four cases have occurred in the family of a tailor named Greenbaum, a German Jew. Again aliens have proved how undesirable and dangerous their presence is in our midst, as typhus has been extinct in London for twenty years.

The first case, that of a child of twelve, Millie Greenbaum, occurred on January 23, and since then three more cases have followed, the last being on February 17.

All these cases have been treated at the Homerton Fever Hospital, but two were first of all received into the London Hospital, where extraordinary precautions have been taken to prevent a further outbreak.

The wards into which the two Greenbaums were received have been utterly cut off from the rest of the world.

The doctor who attends those wards is allowed to see no other patient. The nurses are under similar orders. The floors and walls of the wards are regularly disinfected. The bedding and clothes of doctors, nurses, and patients are disinfected in a way to kill any germ. Even the letters coming from the wards are baked before they are allowed to be posted.

Typhus and Typhoid.

In conversation with an eminent physician at the hospital, yesterday, the *Daily Mirror* learnt the following facts.

Very few doctors have ever seen a case of typhus, and it is almost impossible to distinguish it from typhoid.

If, however, the patient be seen three days after the illness starts, a rash is found on him that immediately stamps it as typhus; unfortunately, most patients are not seen until the rash has disappeared. If, towards the end of the illness, the patient's temperature fall suddenly, it proves again that the disease is typhus, not typhoid. The treatment for the two diseases is similar.

Typhus is a far more deadly disease than typhoid, especially to grown persons. In a ward full of typhus cases more than half the doctors and nurses attending would be smitten by the disease, in fact it might well be named the "doctor-killer."

Typhoid is induced by swallowing some poisonous matter, as in the case of the Lincoln epidemic. Typhus is brought on by filth, hunger, and dirty surroundings.

Sixteen in Six Rooms.

It appears that two families, numbering altogether sixteen persons, inhabited the six rooms of the small house in Brantford-street. The Greenbaums occupy the lower half of the house.

The furniture and clothing of the Greenbaums have been thoroughly fumigated. The family dwelling in the upper part of the house are under notice and quit to-day. In fact, every precaution has been taken.

The gravity of the situation must not be underrated, however. There are yet two children in the Greenbaum family who have not had the disease, one a child in arms, of sickly appearance, and it will be providential if the other family, crowded as they were into two upper rooms of the same house, escape scot free.

BAD AS AN ALIEN.

Coroner Suggests Russian Treatment for a Brutal Father.

"A dose of penal servitude or such treatment as is meted out to Russian peasants" is what Dr. Wynn Westcott suggested for George William Pitts, on whose six-weeks-old baby he was holding an inquest.

Pitts, although in good employment, was constantly drunk, and failed to provide medical attention for his child. Last Sunday week he gave his wife only 8d. for the dinner.

His mother-in-law said Pitts was a "beast of a man."

He was constantly "lugging" the child out of its mother's arms, had knocked all her teeth out, and burst into her house, set fire to the place, and broke her ribs.

The coroner said the N.S.P.C.C. should look into the case. A verdict of Natural Death was returned.

DEPRESSING BUSINESS.

A mortuary-keeper at the Hackney Infirmary had just taken a coffin up the lift when he accidentally fell down the shaft and was killed.

It was stated by the man's housekeeper at the inquest on Saturday that he occasionally drank. The coroner was not surprised, as a mortuary-keeper's business, he said, was depressing.

POISON MYSTERY.

Woman Nurses Her Prison-born Baby in the Dock.

Two married women, one with a baby born three weeks ago in prison, in her arms, stood in the dock at Armagh on Saturday charged with a crime which has startled exceedingly the little village of Mullaleelish.

They were Mrs. Agnes Black and Mrs. Sarah Pearson, and it is alleged that they poisoned Mrs. Alice Pearson, their mother and mother-in-law respectively, last June.

For twenty years Mrs. Pearson was housekeeper to Mr. John Troughton, a poor-law guardian; she left him five years before her death, and from time to time he secured medical relief for her.

During the early part of last year the prisoners lived with her, but they were quarrelsome. Mrs. Black left, and then the home was happier.

Mrs. Pearson died rather suddenly, and there was trouble as to the division of her property—£38 in the Post Office, and a life policy.

Exhumation followed sinister whispers; and evidence was obtained that a woman bought poison from a chemist, and that the prisoners had the handling of Mrs. Pearson's food.

The case was adjourned till to-day.

MAFEKING HERO'S DEATH.

Officer's Tribute to the Lancer Who Was Killed at the Opening of Parliament.

He possessed all the qualifications of a good and faithful soldier, and his death will be much felt by his regiment and by his comrades.

In these words, said the colonel at the inquest on Saturday, was the death officially recorded of Charles Youngman, of the 21st Lancers, who was thrown from his horse on the occasion of the royal opening of Parliament and killed.

A verdict of Accidental Death was returned, and Lieutenant Protheroe Smith, on behalf of the regiment, offered the deepest sympathy to Private Youngman's mother.

Youngman was one of the defenders of Mafeking.

ARTIST'S EXTRA "TURN."

Extraordinary Confession of an Actor Who Expects an "Engagement at Dartmoor."

An extraordinary confession was made by Charles Cumming, actor and author, charged at Bow-street on Saturday with obtaining £100 by false pretences.

Walking into the police station Cumming explained that he obtained the money from an Adelphi money-lender by giving him a charge on his father's business, in which he had no interest.

"Yesterday," he went on to say, "I saw an inquiry in the *Evening* newspaper saying, 'What has become of Charles Cumming?' I went to a post office and replied, 'In reply to query Charles Cumming opens to-morrow at Bow-street. Long engagement. Dartmoor to follow.—C. C.'"

The prisoner, who seemed very weak and ill, was remanded.

"BOSS UNION" SMASHER."

Emigration Agent Accused of Offering Work He Was Not in a Position To Give.

Mr. Graeme Hunter, known as the "boss union smasher," who is charged with inducing people to emigrate to Canada, promising them work which he was not in a position to offer, presented a novel petition to the Judiciary Appeal Court, Edinburgh, on Saturday.

He asked for the appointment of a commission to take evidence in Canada.

Mr. Blackburn, for the Crown, said the defence originally put in seventy-nine witnesses in Canada, beginning with the Minister of the Interior, and they wanted the Crown to pay the expense of bringing them over.

In refusing the petition, the Lord Justice Clerk said the practice of the law was that witnesses must be produced, and tell their own story.

ONE CUP OF

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cocoa.

As supplied to the War
Office.

ECCENTRIC LADY.

Ate Eggshells and Had Very Novel Ideas of Dress.

WILL SET ASIDE.

Is a lady who habitually goes to bed with her clothes on, undresses when she gets up in the morning, walks about in the street in her nightgown, and eats eggs with the shells on, in a fit mental condition to make a will?

This was the problem Sir J. Gorell Barnes, in the Probate Division, had to decide on Saturday in respect of the estate of the late Mrs. Emily Ball, who died in Catford Asylum on October 12, 1903.

In 1893 Mrs. Ball, who lived at Bridgewater, married her second husband, a widower, and in 1894 made a will giving him a life interest in her property, which was ultimately to go to certain relations. In 1899, while her husband was in the infirmary, where he had an amputated arm, Mrs. Ball took to drink. In 1900 she made the will now disputed.

Chased by Rude Boys in the Street.

Boys in the street used to run after her, said a relieving officer of the Bridgewater Union, for she often appeared only half-dressed, and mumbled when spoken to.

James Davis, a schoolmaster, said he met her once wearing an old bonnet, her hair flying about in the wind, and her dress open. She was very dirty, and when he spoke to her she burst out laughing and rambled in her talk. He left her because she attracted attention.

Ellen Redwood, who had been in the service of Mr. and Mrs. Ball, gave the most astounding evidence. She had seen Mrs. Ball talking to road-menders in her night attire, and she would drink a pint and a half of raw whisky a day. Once she gave Redwood five guineas to buy a pint of whisky with; Mr. Ball snatched the money away and gave her a shilling instead. She would deliberately rub against her husband's shoulder after his arm had been taken off.

Sir Gorell Barnes set aside the will of 1900, finding in favour of that of 1894, with costs out of the estate.

TEA DEFEATS PORRIDGE.

Scotch Physician Laments the Tendency to Discard Oatmeal.

Porridge is losing its popularity in Scotland, according to a Board of Trade report, which declares that the consumption of oatmeal is constantly decreasing.

Tea is much more drunk than formerly—three times a day by many Scottish households.

The inference is that the leaf has supplanted the grain; the "cup that cheers" is preferred to the "bowl that builds."

The report hints at a tendency among farm servants to demand their wages in money rather than in kind, which may have induced them to buy luxuries instead of less toothsome, but more nutritious, articles. Frequently, too, oatmeal is bartered for fish and other dainties.

An eminent Scottish Harley-street physician shook his head sorrowfully yesterday at these things. "It is all too true," he said. It is the beginning of the end for Scotland's supremacy among the nations.

Harvesters in his young days sat around a great "forty-shilling porridge-pot." Now they prefer the steaming ten-urn—a degenerate race!

The Scottish colony in London have a difficulty in purchasing genuine oatmeal. It was so in Carlyle's day. The sage of Chelsea had always to have his meal sent from Craigenputtock. Leigh Hunt once had a plate of porridge at Carlyle's, and used frequently to come for porridge suppers afterwards.

PICTURES BY WIRE.

Wonderful Instrument Said To Be Able to Transmit Distant Scenes.

Professor Cerebotani has just reached London from Italy, by invitation of our Admiralty, to give demonstrations with what he calls his "typewriting telegraph."

Time and space are to be annihilated by the "telepotometer," which is claimed to be capable of transmitting "wire pictures" of distant scenes with a speed equal to that of the ordinary telegram or cable.

The Admiralty think so well of the machine that they have ordered two of them, and Mr. Manzoni has expressed himself charmed with the invention. "I have patented it with the German Patents Office," said the professor to the *Daily Mirror*, "and from the German and Italian Governments I have received most flattering compliments as the result of trials."

It is, he believes, destined to "put our thoughts into pictorial form and give our words a material existence."

INTERESTING NEWS ITEMS.

It is rumoured in Northwood that Sir Frederick Dixon Hartland, the present Conservative member for the Uxbridge Division of Middlesex, is shortly to be raised to the peerage.

Mr. J. Hickory Wood, the author of so many Drury Lane pantomimes, is writing a biography of the late Mr. Dan Leno.

No fewer than 200 applications for the post of relieving officer to Bethnal Green Union were received by the guardians. The salary is only £80 per annum.

Several hundreds of operatives are thrown out of employment by the fire which broke out at Messrs. Brotherton, Harrop, and Co.'s mill, at Preston, on Saturday.

Because his horse and cart struck fast in a field at Wilderspool, a Warrington carter exclaimed that he was sick of the thing, and jumped into a pit 9 ft. deep. Later he was charged with attempted suicide.

Not only have the Worshipful Company of Drapers extended the time for the collection of the balance of the first £300,000 required for the rebuilding of King's College Hospital, but in the event of this sum being raised by December 31 next they have promised £10,000 instead of £5,000. The fund now stands at over £120,000.

One of the St. James's Park keepers on Saturday found a dead duck lying on the side of the lake. He was surprised to find that the bird had swallowed a penny toy clock.

"Carrying coal to Newcastle" is equalled by an incident reported from Cardiff. A cargo of German coke has been imported into the latter town during the past few days.

Communication between Lancashire and Yorkshire was cut off for nearly six hours on Saturday, owing to the derailment of a goods train in Summit Tunnel, near Todmorden.

London parks would look very much prettier, suggests the "County Gentleman," if they contained a few cattle, while Kensington Gardens would be greatly improved by a small herd of fallow deer.

Young ladies attending Welshpool County School are to be drilled by a military sergeant in future. The headmistress had complained to the governors that the physique of her pupils was distinctly below that of most schoolgirls.

Undaunted by their failure to obtain a hall in Merthyr for this week, the "Pentecost Dancers" are determined to remain in the neighbourhood. Two of the "sisters" from London are visiting them prior to their departure for India.

HOW AGRICULTURAL LABOURERS ARE PAID.



This map shows at a glance the average total weekly earnings of ordinary agricultural labourers, including the estimated value of allowances in kind, in all parts of the British Isles.

Crewe is one of the few towns in the country where men outnumber women. The latter are in a minority of a thousand.

Sea lead-casting matches will form a novel competition at Lowestoft on March 2. A 6oz. lead is to be used, and each entrant will be allowed three casts.

British felt manufacturers have entered into a pooling arrangement with the object of keeping prices steadfast by adjusting the output for the various markets.

A tree growing inside a tree may be seen at Moulton, in South Lincolnshire. It is a healthy sycamore, now 12 ft. high, and has sprung from a seedling which fell into the hollow of a decayed willow.

Eight years ago one of the workmen at a colliery at Festiniog, in Wales, lost half a sovereign out of his wages. This sum has just now reached him by post, sent by "Repentant Sinner, Conscience Cottage, City Uneasy."

The establishment of a public health museum is warmly advocated by the Medical Faculty of the Dublin Catholic University Medical School. Great educational advantages, it is urged, would accrue to the public from such an institution.

The Parcels Post agreement between England and the United States, signed by President Roosevelt, will not be carried into force before June next.

Record recruiting has been accomplished by the 2nd Norfolk Regiment of Volunteers at Yarmouth. In three weeks ninety-three men were induced to join their ranks.

The small fortune of £5,000 awaits the heirs of a Doncaster man named George Adams. He died at Pitkin, Colorado, and a neighbour has written from that far-off mining town to the Mayor of Doncaster asking the dead man's relatives to communicate with him.

Friendly shelter offered by the open door of a cottage was taken advantage of by a fox who was hard pressed by the Warwickshire pack. Reynard dashed upstairs into the bedroom, followed by a single hound, and the kill finally took place in the parlour to the sound of breaking crockery.

Anticipating sudden death, a coal porter carried about with him the following note:—"In case of accident I am T. S. Bartlett, 6, Maynard-road, Walthamstow, Essex. I am employed at the Inland Revenue Somerset House." He died suddenly whilst following his occupation at Somerset House.

OUR ILLUSTRATIONS.

Descriptions of the Principal

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ALL ABOUT THE PICTURES.

THE MOSCOW ASSASSINATION.

We are able to place before our readers to-day on pages 1, 8, and 9 some interesting pictures illustrating the event which more than any other fills people's minds just now—the assassination of the Grand Duke Sergius in Moscow.

The scene of the grim tragedy appears in the photographs on page 1, and the portraits on the same page of the Grand Duke and Grand Duchess give a human interest to what otherwise perhaps only appears as a political demonstration. It has been common knowledge that the widowed Grand Duchess did not lead an altogether happy life with her late husband, but none the less his terrible death by the hand of a political assassin must be a shock from which she will not easily recover.

The pathetic part of it is that those who have dealt the Grand Duchess so severe a blow would be the last to wish her ill. She was as popular as the Grand Duke was hated. Always interested in the welfare of the poorer members of the community, she was ever to be found in works of charity, and was actually engaged in superintending the dispatch of comforts for the wounded at the seat of war, as seen in our picture on pages 8-9, when news of the assassination was brought to her.

By the way, we should like to call our readers' attention to the large picture on the wall of the room in which the Grand Duchess is at work. It represents the late Tsar receiving a deputation of peasants, and of itself affords a significant commentary on the events which have led to the tragedy in Moscow.

MESSENGER BOY'S JOURNEY.

Few people hear of the strange commissions entrusted to the well-known boy messengers.

Called up at a moment's notice to undertake a journey, representing altogether a distance of over a thousand miles, District Messenger, No. 1,335 (P. S. Clayton), whose portrait is on page 8, was equal to the occasion.

He was instructed to carry an ear-trumpet from London to Queenstown, and to hand it to a passenger on the liner Baltic. Accordingly, he caught the Irish mail from Euston in less than two hours from the time the message was received, and after successfully accomplishing his long journey, and delivering the ear-trumpet to its anxious owner, came back again by the first train available.

On reporting himself in London, he handed over 4s. 1d. change out of the £3 given to him for expenses.

DINNERS FOR SCHOOL-CHILDREN.

Nothing more readily appeals to one's sympathy than the meaning of such a picture as that reproduced on page 8 of the children of destitute parents being given a free meal before school.

Our picture was taken at Edmonton, where there is an excellent fund for providing free breakfasts and dinners for school-children who otherwise would have to go without. Every care is of course taken that parents who are able to provide for their children shall not take advantage of the fund to relieve themselves of their responsibilities.

PROPHET OF DOOM.

A most remarkable prediction was made by Ivan Lazoroff, whose portrait will be found on page 8.

Some time ago he foretold the assassination of the Grand Duke Sergius, and not only was his prophecy fulfilled, but the assassination occurred on the very day he had fixed for it.

Ivan Lazoroff is a Russian, living in Mile End, and among his compatriots enjoys a considerable reputation as a soothsayer. Whether his prophecy in this instance was merely an extraordinary guess or something more he would be a bold man who should say.

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"THAT TIRED FEELING."

WHAT effect have the fearful events in Russia had upon the Tsar's troops in Manchuria? Certainly they cannot have made General Kuropatkin's task any easier. It is not surprising there should be talk of a commission being ordered to inquire whether he is suffering from "cerebral anemia"—in plainer language, softening of the brain.

Even Napoleon's marvellous power of organisation was never called upon to face such a task as that of General Kuropatkin. He has not only to make plans against the Japanese. He has to fight quite as desperately against foes within his own lines. The intrigues among officers that have been going on ever since he took command have demanded ceaseless vigilance on his part. His troops are known to be discontented, and their loyalty is not beyond suspicion.

Add to these the troubles which result from the Tsar's constant interference with the scheme of campaign, and you have some idea of Kuropatkin's daily struggle.

Dr. Creighton, the late Bishop of London, had an interesting theory to account for the increasing flabbiness of our governing men. He said that, as life grew more complicated and interests multiplied, it became less and less possible for minds to take a wide grasp and to deal capably with great matters. A "tired feeling" is certainly a common enough feature of modern life, and it generally means that the sufferer has been trying to spread his mental energies over too wide a field.

That is probably the case with General Kuropatkin. A commander in war-time ought to be able to devote all his energies to fighting the enemy in his own way. If he is harassed as the Russian leader has been he cannot do his best, and it were no great wonder if his mind should give way.

MORALITY ON THE STAGE.

It is impossible not to sympathise with our correspondent, "An Actress," whose letter, printed in another column, protests against the wholesale slandering of the theatrical profession whenever members of it appear in the Law Courts.

The immediate cause of the protest is a case just decided, in which the private affairs of a clown and his wife were discussed. There are, unfortunately, a large number of people who know nothing whatever about the stage, and who never lose an opportunity of seizing upon an isolated incident, basing a generality upon it, and saying with malevolent triumph, "I told you so!"

When a baronet or a baker misbehaves no one thinks of saying that all bakers and baronets lead immoral lives. Why should this illogical and spiteful method of reasoning be applied to actors and actresses?

They are, as a matter of fact, neither better nor worse than the rest of the population. The great majority lead irreproachable lives; are good husbands, wives, fathers, mothers; and never give scandal-mongers a chance to defame them. If, as is often suggested, their profession specially exposes them to temptation, all the more honour to them for resisting it so bravely.

A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

He doeth much, that doeth a thing well. He doeth less that rather serveth the community than his own will.—*Thomas à Kempis.*

THIS MORNING'S GOSSIP.

THE Grand Duke Vladimir, who has been for a long time the most unpopular man in Russia next to the Grand Duke Sergius, is generally referred to in private as "the august thief." His share of the taxpayers' money amounts to £250,000. His private fortune, consisting of lands, forests, mines, etc., all presents from his father, is put at £160,000. Vladimir has other salaries, too. He receives £2,400 in his capacity of General, and £3,200 as Commandant of St. Petersburg.

As a member of the committee of Ministers he is paid £2,400, not to speak of his remuneration as a member of an infinite variety of commissions. Furthermore, he is regarded as the generalissimo of concessionaires. His income from his concessions is almost as large as that of the German Emperor. And yet, in spite of his colossal income, he is in debt. His two sons, Cyril and Boris, who took part in the war, contracted £120,000 in debts in Manchuria; and, according to the declaration of one of his bankers, Vladimir is face to face with a deficit of £500,000.

The Grand Duke Alexis, who is to be the Tsar's representative at the funeral of the Grand Duke

Sergius, is the nominal head of the Russian Navy. A tall, burly-looking man, with rather truculent moustaches and beard, Alexis, unlike most Grand Dukes, has a reputation for kindness. He is an extraordinarily fine linguist, as, indeed, almost all educated Russians seem to be. His weakness is a taste for gambling. Last year, at Monte Carlo, he had an amazing run of luck while playing roulette. All the other players rose from their seats and went and stood round him. When he broke the bank after winning about £10,000, there was a roar of cheering to congratulate him.

Mr. David Shackleton, M.P., who has just been giving some remarkably candid and sensible advice to the working man, by telling him to "think more, drink less, and not to talk so much about football," is himself a son of the people, so the people ought to receive his words with attention. He is a Lancashire lad, and his father was a watchmaker. As a young man, Mr. Shackleton was sent to a mill at Accrington, there to learn weaving as a half-timer. He worked his way up entirely by himself—and by thinking instead of drinking. He has always been a teetotaler. From a physical point of view he is the biggest man in the House of Commons, for he weighs 16 stone, and stands over 6ft. high.

London playgoers will not apparently see much of Miss Ellis Jeffreys during the next few years, since she has accepted, with her husband, Mr. Herbert Sleath, "a three years' engagement of thirty-three weeks a year" to play in America. This is a pity. Miss Jeffreys is a deservedly popular actress. She has charm and humour, and her laugh is the best stage laugh which I have ever heard. Few people remember now that Miss Jeffreys began her stage career in the music-hall. She was studying singing under Signor Romano at the London Academy of Music, and went one day to the Savoy Theatre to hear a friend rehearse in "The Yeomen of the Guard."

As she was standing in the wings watching, Sir Arthur Sullivan came up to her, and asked if she would care to sing in comic opera. She said she cared only for the concert platform. Afterwards, however, he persuaded her to appear at the Savoy, and she sang in "The Yeomen of the Guard" for six weeks. Miss Jeffreys achieved her most astonishing stage exploit soon after this. She was on a holiday at Scarborough, and received a telegram summoning her to come to London to play during the illness of one of the principals in an important part in "La Cigale." She rushed up to town, and actually learnt the words and music while dressing for the play!

It is to be hoped that Miss Marie Hall, who is to play on a fairly expensive Strindbergian violin when she reappears at the Queen's Hall to-morrow, will not be worked to death by her agents this season. When I last heard her she was looking painfully thin and depressed, and since then she has passed through a very serious illness. A pathetic story is told of her first concert, at which she played the musical work talking about her, that St. James's Hall. As the audience became noisier, an elderly gentleman in the stalls was heard to say to his neighbour, "She is my daughter, and this is the first time I have seen her for two years."

Miss Hall's father gave her, I am told, her first lessons on the violin, but the patron who really secured her a first-class musical education stipulated that she should not come to London to see her parents during her two years' study at Prague, or, in fact, until after her first appearance. The lives of musicians are indeed sufficiently strenuous. Miss Hall plays and practises, practises and plays, during three-quarters of the year. No wonder she looks so pale. Yet she is by no means embittered by her long and painful preparation for success.

London once more has the honour of entertaining the greatest of living sculptors, M. Auguste Rodin, who arrived here yesterday evening, and is to preside at the banquet of the International Society to-night, while on Wednesday he is to open the great Whistler Exhibition at the New Gallery. M. Rodin is now quite at home over here. In fact, as he says himself, he "adores" London, and thinks it a very beautiful place—which shows that he is a confirmed optimist. When he last came over he shook hands with 2,000 people at the New Gallery. And yet he is ready to face the ordeal again to-night!

The truth is that M. Rodin is remarkably strong. When one looks at his broad shoulders, and heavy frame one understands how he was able to struggle, for nearly forty years, against poverty—real poverty involving hunger and cold. For years his work was absolutely boycotted in Paris. One day he made a portrait bust of a young man who happened to be a crooked nose. Naturally, M. Rodin, who is faithful to reality, represented the nose as crooked. He sent the bust into the Academy of Fine Arts in Paris. It was greeted with contempt, with disgust, with howls of derision! And for years the recollection of one crooked nose kept Rodin out of all public exhibitions.

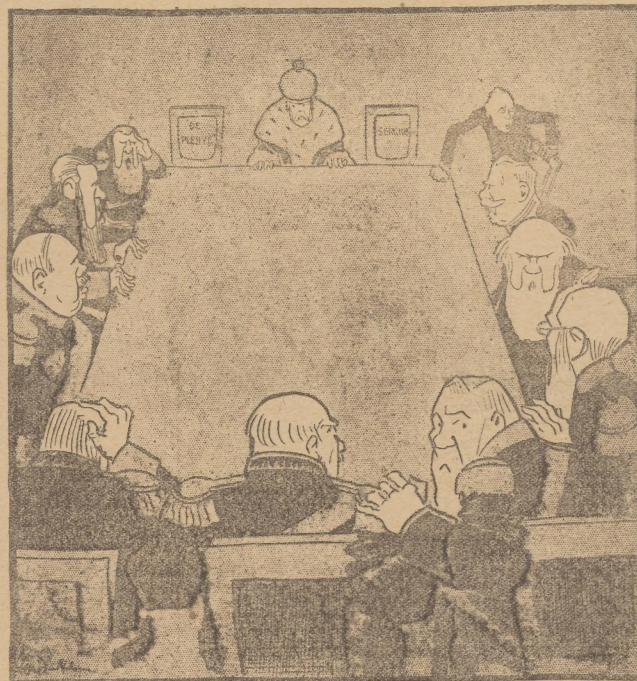
Mr. Carton, whose new play is to be seen at the Avenue to-morrow, is a very delicate man. He looks weirdly thin, pale to a degree—you imagine he is about to faint at any moment. It is not as bad as that, however, though at one time, when he was himself an actor, he found the strain of work very great. Those were in the old "palmy" days when Mr. and Mrs. Carton and Mr. Pinner, who is one of their most intimate friends, all used to act together at the Lyceum on insignificant salaries, but with much enthusiasm and hope. Mr. Carton, by the way, is a son of Critchett, the famous oculist, and a brother of Sir Anderson Critchett, whose entertainments in Harley-street are always crowded with theatrical people.

IN MY GARDEN.

FEBRUARY 19.—The suburban gardener must soon set to work if he wants his garden to flourish. Vacant beds should be well dug in dry weather. Hardy annuals (sweet peas, poppies, nasturtiums, etc.) can be sown in March or April. These flowers, if carefully attended to and not grown too thickly, will make a brave show later on.

Then there are the hardy herbaceous plants. They should be planted in March. Phloxes, Michaelmas daisies, campanulas, perennials, snowdrops, and many other beautiful subjects, thrive in town gardens. A garden filled with the above flowers is much more interesting than if given up to gageanums, calceolarias, etc. No greenhouse or mysterious "cold pit" will be needed! E. F. T.

WHOSE TURN WILL IT BE NEXT?



THE MIRROR UP TO NATURE.

Getting Their Nests Ready.

IT is not really spring, but in dear, deserted Essex it is hard to believe it. The broad fields, overgrown with weeds and coarse grass, still showing the furrows of the plough, but now idle and unworked, are brightly green. The tall elms, gently nodding in the warm breeze, are no longer black against the sky; the topmost boughs have taken on the dainty brown covering which heralds the first green buds.

And high among those swaying branches the old rook-nests are once again the scene of life. With many a caw and clumsy flutter of heavy wings the old birds are putting their homes in habitable condition.

A peck here, a pull there, a new twig on one side, a shake on the other, and Mrs. Rook flops into her place to see if it is comfortable, while her husband spends his time, half in admiring her, and half in staring meditatively at the one remaining windmill in sight.

He well remembers the time when there were five, all busily grinding the corn which flourished on the now neglected fields. To-day all that remains of them are the mounds on which they stood and the moss-green circles of brick on which they turned to meet the changing breezes.

And he knows, too, that that one surviving mill is no longer a true windmill, for when the breeze dies away the work still goes on, and a scent of petrol floats up to him on the elms, while the miller is as often to be seen in blue linen overalls as not.

Soon he will wear them every day. Then real windmills will be no more—like the cornfields.

A WOMAN OF THE HOUR.

The Duchess of Fife.

SHE celebrates her birthday to-day, but very quietly. Even if it had not been for the tragedy which has come to her cousin, the Grand Duchess Serge, there would have been little ceremony, as her shyness and love of quiet are as notorious as her goodness of heart.

In fact, ever since her wedding, fifteen years ago, she has tried to live like a private person, and not as a royal Princess.

Her sister, Princess Charles of Denmark, used to call her "Our Royal Shyness," and the Prince of Wales on her wedding-day laughingly called her "Mrs. Duff"—Duff being the Duke of Fife's family name.

After her marriage she and her husband were offered comfortable quarters in either Kensington or St. James's Palace, but refused them, as they also did her State allowance.

Instead, they took a house in Portman-square and lived as ordinary people.

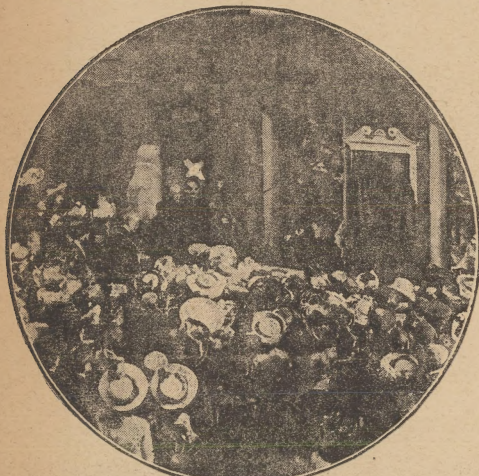
How little ceremony there was there was shown when they received a total stranger with the greatest cordiality, although he had not been invited.

He was a young man who had made a mistake in the number, and was ushered by a footman into the presence of Queen Alexandra (then Princess of Wales), the Duchess herself, and the Princesses Maud and Victoria of Wales.

He was very upset, but no one else was. The Duchess insisted on his stopping for tea, told him his mistake did not matter in the least, and when he went away, asked him to come again.

NEWS-PHOTOGRAPHS.

SIR HENRY IRVING AT BATH.



A photograph taken as Sir Henry Irving unveiled the memorial, which has just been erected at Bath, to James Quin, the famous actor, who lived there for sixteen years after his retirement in 1751.

DEATH'S PROPHET.



Ivan Lazaro, a Russian soothsayer, living in Mile End, who foretold the assassination of the Grand Duke Sergius to the exact day.

AN OFFICIAL PORTRAIT OF THE ASSASSIN



Above is an official photograph of the late Grand Duke Sergius as Governor, and he is surrounded by the most trusted of his subordinate officers, who earned for their chief the popular hatred to which he was subjected.

FREE DINNERS FOR EDMONTON CHILDREN.



This photograph was taken while a number of destitute schoolchildren were enjoying one of the free dinners provided by the Edmonton Scholars' Free Breakfasts and Dinners Fund. The plight of the children who have to go hungry to school is very pitiable, and the fund is doing good work.

HOW THE GRAND DUCHESS WAS ENGAGED WITH



This unique photograph shows the Grand Duchess at work superintending wounded soldiers in Manchuria. It was while so engaged in the Grand Ducal Palace that she was shot. The large picture at the back shows the late Tsar receiving her.

"JAGGERS THE SECOND."



District Messenger No. 1,335 (P. S. Clayton), who was commissioned to carry an ear-trumpet from London to a passenger on the liner Baltic at Queenstown. He performed his journey of 1,022 miles successfully.

THE WATERLOO CUP WINNER.



Mr. W. H. Pawson's Pistol II, winner of the Waterloo Cup. On the night of the draw so little was thought of this dog's chance that odds of 100 to 1 were offered against it.

FOR FURTHER PARTICULARS OF THESE

MIRROR, CAMERACRAPHS.

ATED GRAND DUKE AND STAFF.



-General of Moscow. The Grand Duchess is seated by his side. He carried out his harsh measures with such relentless severity that he has fallen a victim.—(Rus. ell.)

WHEN SHE HEARD OF THE TRAGEDY.



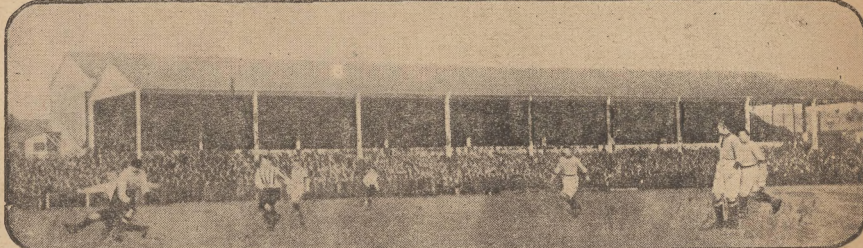
Dispatch of medical necessities and other supplies for the victims of the Kremlin that she heard of the assassination. The Grand Duchess is seated by his side. He carried out his harsh measures with such relentless severity that he has fallen a victim.—(Rus. ell.)

FULHAM v. NOTTS FOREST.



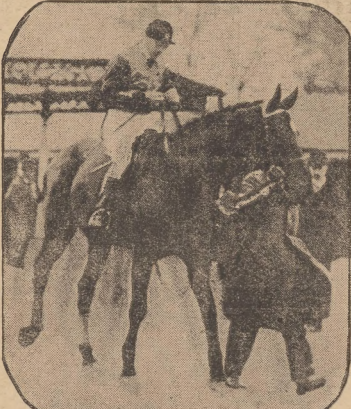
At Fulham on Saturday the home team beat Notts Forest in their Cup-tie by one goal to nil.—(Copyright Daily Mirror.)

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY v. PORTSMOUTH.



Before some 36,000 spectators the "Blades" gained a narrow victory over "Pompey," the final scores being: Wednesday, 2 goals; Portsmouth, 1.—(Redmond.)

KING'S STEEPLECHASER DEAD.



Ambush II., who dropped dead after galloping exercise, and Anthony, who rode him to victory in the Grand National of 1900.

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR v. NEWCASTLE.



After a most exciting game at Tottenham on Saturday this match ended in a draw, each side scoring one goal.

SOUTHERN COUNTIES CROSS-COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP.



At Lingfield on Saturday A. Aldridge, of the Highgate Harriers, won the Southern Counties Championship in 57min. 17 1-5sec., G. Pearce, of Highgate, being second, and F. C. Neaves, of Hampton, third. Our photograph shows the competitors passing the stand for the first time.

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FASHION'S EDICTS FOR THE APPROACH OF SPRING—THREE SMART CORSAGES.

NOTES ON THE MODES.

SOME ELABORATE DESIGNS AND SUPPLE FABRICS.

In a measure fashion is issuing orders that are of a very contradictory nature. She announces that our gowns are to be elaborately decorated with frills and furbelows, but that we are to look slim and elegant, especially as regards our waist measurements, which are to be as sylph-like as possible.

In consequence we are searching backwards into past annals, and are resuscitating all the most supple materials that are available. Cashmere, merino, and such soft silks as satin merveilleuse and Surah have responded to the call, and are to be very modish in the immediate future. Voile is to be among us again, in a new form, called printed voile, as well as the old one. We could ill spare so useful a fabric. Printed in the softest colourings to show a design of flowers, this voile is scarcely distinguishable from muslin, but has more wear in it.

The lace chemisette is one of the most prominently modish adjuncts of dress of the moment, and certainly nothing could be more useful nor becoming. It arrives in various forms, three of which will be seen in the pictures on this page. The very shallow edition shown on the left is met by a foliated fichu bodice, over which a bolero made of neatly gathered puffings is posed, and the scheme is completed by elbow sleeves with up-turned cuffs and lace flounces. A very pretty design would this be if carried out in silver grey cloth and crêpe de Chine, the latter material being used for the major part of the bolero.

The centre design, which would be eminently suitable for a bridesmaid's toilette, should be made

of Dresden blue cashmere with a deep chemisette of ficelle lace and a shoulder ruffle of the same headed by a band of soft draped ribbon held in place by ornamental blue buttons. Thirdly, there is a scheme for a golden brown taffetas corsage made with a point beneath the waist, as the other bodices are, and trimmed with bows, which apparently hold the fulness in place.

SWEET SACHETS.

PRESCRIPTIONS FOR ODOROUS POWDERS.

Violet sachet powder is made by mixing two pounds of powdered Florentine orris root with a pound of rose petals, a pound of cassia flower heads, a pound of black current leaves, a quarter of a drachm of attar of almonds, and half a pound of powdered gum benzoin. Mix these ingredients well and sift them, then let the powder stand in a tightly covered glass jar for a week before it is used.

Lavender is a delicious perfume for a linen cupboard. To make it, take a pound of dried lavender, a pound of rose leaves, half a pound of closely crushed orris root, two ounces of cinnamon, and a pound of dry table salt. Keep this mixture in an airtight jar for a fortnight before using it.

Rose sachet powder is made of a pound of petals of any rose preferred, half a pound of ground sandal wood, and a quarter of an ounce of attar of roses. This should be kept for a week before it is used.

Metallic flowers made of gold and silver gauze are worn for hair ornaments and evening gown accessories.

HAIRDRESSING HINTS.

POPULARITY OF THE CORONAL PLAIT.

The coronal plait is very fashionable now. Some coiffeurs call it the Marguerite, others the Grecian, and they are making it as fast as they can, and selling it too, for few women possess sufficient hair to produce the massive plait it ought to be if it is to answer fashion's demands.

The way in which the hair is arranged when the coronal plait is worn, is in a loose roll across the brow, and at the back in an indefinite twist, as high or as low upon the head as taste dictates.

There is an extremely simple and pretty coiffure for girls who like the low style of arranging the tresses. The hair is rolled at the back of the neck in a figure somewhat resembling the chignon. A band of ribbon with a rosette at each end is posed across the back of the head and the rosette stands out smartly behind each ear. Another mode is to comb the hair in pompadour style in the front and throw it up over a huge roll, where it lies all little curls and waves. Upon the crown of the head it is tied high and then twisted into an immense figure of eight, which is spread all over the back of the head. After it is spread out upon the back of the head it is dressed with ornaments and combs.

Many combs are being worn again now, but in the evening flowers predominate. The popularity of ribbon flowers is great. Ribbon violets that look precisely like real ones are caught into the hair at one side, and are very successful.

A becoming ornament made of violets was seen the other day. The flowers were arranged upon the top of the head and through them were set little pearl-headed pins which looked like drops

of dew. They made a pretty contrast to the violets and formed also a complete contrast to the colour of the girl's hair on which they were seen, for her locks were quite of the raven hue.

ACIDULATED DROPS.

He that loses a friend is careless.

Many a man every day prays for his daily bread and then grumbles because it isn't cake.

Vain people are like small birds, with big

SIR ROBERT JARDINE, BART.



Who has just passed away, at his residence, Castlemilk, Lockersbie, Dumfriesshire, in his eightieth year. Sir Robert won the Derby in 1869 with Pretender.—(Elliott and Fry.)

plumage—they wear feathers several sizes too big for them.

He who looks at the earth only and what he can get out of it, never sees the sun.

A man does not possess a big heart if it is only swelled with vanity, pride, malice, and envy.



Silver grey cloth gown, the corsage of which has a bolero of chiffon upon it.

This bodice is composed principally of lace in the form of a deep chemisette and shoulder flounce.

A design specially intended to be carried out in golden brown taffetas and ivory lace.

A MAN IN A MILLION.

(Continued from page 12.)

as she most particularly wanted to see them both. She would send a motor-car for them on Thursday morning, as she thought they might enjoy the ride to London, which was really extremely pretty, and they could send their luggage by train.

Vanna's answer arrived very promptly. It was really too sweet of Lady Betty. Mrs. Tempest wrote, and of course they would be delighted to come, and would look forward to the motor ride with extreme pleasure, but with much greater pleasure to seeing their kind friend again.

Lady Betty heaved a sigh of intense relief when she received this letter. All would be well. Mrs. Tempest and Joan would arrive in London just at the time when Tony Heron was on his way to Perivale. She would keep the mother and daughter with her until he had left, and would send them back before there was any chance of his calling on her in Green-street. It was quite unlikely that he would hear anything about her deception, as no member of Lord Cardiff's household would have the least interest in the two women who were living quietly at Little Brady, even if someone accidentally and casually heard of their existence.

So Lady Betty was quite satisfied that her scheme would be crowned with success, and as she had no doubt that it was fully justified she was quite easy in her mind, and only wished that Harry St. Petre's had been in London at the time. At the end of her letter Mrs. Tempest had said: "I have a great deal to tell you about the Duke. Joan will never marry him." But Lady Betty had paid no attention to that. She believed above all things in the healing properties of time, and Harry was such a very charming fellow.

Lady Betty saw nothing more of Anthony Heron, and the day arrived when he had told her he was going to Perivale.

Very early in the morning she sent her 24-h.p. Napier, with its glossy dark-green body and silver-plated fittings, down to Little Brady, and was devoutly thankful that it turned out a glorious day, and that Mrs. Tempest and her daughter would have a delightful trip. She had arranged all sorts of gaieties for them—those delightful little luncheon and theatre and supper parties that one enjoys so much out of the season.

Although the motor-car was swift and powerful, the distance between London and Little Brady made it impossible for them to arrive much before dinner-time.

Lady Betty donned a tea-gown. She thought they would not want to bother to dress when they

arrived, tired and famished, for they would have had nothing to eat since lunch.

She heard the car stop outside. There was a knock; the front door was opened, she heard voices and footsteps on the stairs, and Vanna Tempest was ushered into the boudoir—den—alone.

Lady Betty's first words took the form of a question, and it was as sharp as if fired from a pistol.

"Where on earth is Joan?"

"Oh, Lady Betty," said Vanna, who looked flushed and beautiful, but who seemed to have a few little lines on her face that the elder woman had never seen before, "do forgive me for coming alone. I have left Joan behind."

"Left her behind—at Little Brady? Don't say that!" Lady Betty's voice was full of anxiety.

"No, not at Little Brady," Vanna answered. "She has gone to stay with some people near by. We met an old friend of ours down there. His brother has a big house, and is having a shoot this week. An aunt has come to entertain for him. She called on us, and invited Joan. I let her go. There will be several young people. I think it will do her good."

"You don't mean," said Lady Betty, in a strange, tense voice, "that you have sent Joan to stay at Perivale?"

(To be continued.)

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TOWN HALL BUILDINGS, N.E. ST. HACKNEY, N.E.

The Australian team gave a magnificent batting exhibition, Hill's display being particularly dashingly. innings included twelve 4's and one 6. Score:—Wellington (first innings), 183; Australian team, for eight wickets. Hill made 95, Gregory 85, Duff 70.—Reuter's Special Service.

VIBRANT'S MAD GALLOP AT SANDOWN PARK.

Lucinda Wins the Grand Prize for
Mr. C. Hibbert.

DEATH OF AMBUSH II.

The Sandown Park authorities had arranged another capital programme for Saturday, and the attendance was again a large one.

Backers commenced well, as they made Perseus II. favourite in the Selling Handicap, and the issue was never in doubt.

Lye Lees, getting first run of Kenterdale from the last fence, enabled first-favourite backers to increase their winnings.

The tender-mouthed Farman was twopwint in the Grand Prize, but amongst those well-known on the flat making their debut were Almsheer, Jollybird, and Bursen. The favourite when the numbers were hoisted was Vibrant, but, overpowering Mr. Wood on the way and to the post, he bolted three miles before being pulled up. His rider took him to the paddock, but the stewards, having given him permission, ordered him back to the post.

Before he could get to the post, however, Mr. Coventry had sent the others on their way. Seeing that Vibrant had left the course, a good finish ended in a popular victory for Lye Lees. The stewards called the owner and trainer of Vibrant before them after the race and accepted the explanation that the horse was not fit to start after his mad gallop.

Vibrant must not be considered a starter, and this made a tremendous difference to holders, as he opened favourite, while Lucinda was at 10, though the eventuality started at 6 to 4.

Biology beat Sweetheart III. in the Burwood Chase, but the Judge was unable to separate Dumbarton Castle and Barnstormer in the Metropolitan Handicap, the stakes being subsequently divided.

Judas and World's Desire spreadeagled their field in the February Chase, the rider of Lord Advocate, received a nasty fall at the water.

The King has had the misfortune to lose his grand chaser, Ambush II., who dropped dead after an exercise gallop at the Curragh on Saturday. Ambush II. was bred in Ireland by Mr. William Ashe, who sold him to Mr. T. Lushington, from whom he was bought by the King.

Ambush II. carried the royal colours to victory in several races, but his most important success was achieved in the Liverpool Grand National Steeplechase, where he won for the King five years ago, beating Barasac, Manifesto, and thirteen others. The King's horse was fully expected to repeat that triumph last March, and started first favourite in a field of twenty-six runners.

SELECTIONS FOR TO-DAY.

- 2.0-Bugeley Hurdle-ARDANDRA.
2.30-Snow Hill Steeplechase-WIDERSEHEN.
3.0-Stayers' Steeplechase-KIRKLAND.
3.30-Vardley Hurdle-SEVEN OAKS PRINCE.
4.0-Sutton Steeplechase-FAST CASTLE.
4.30-Sailley Steeplechase-BLITHESOME.

SPECIAL SELECTION.

KIRKLAND.

GREY FRIARS.

PLACED HORSES AND PRICES AT SANDOWN PARK.

- 1.30-SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE RACE. Two miles. 8 ran. Sportsman.
1-PERSEUS II. 5 yrs, 10st 13lb. 7 to 4
2-PERICARNET. 4 yrs, 10st 7lb. 7 to 4
3-CATERINE GREEN. 5 yrs, 10st 3lb. 10 to 1
4-OWSTON WOOD. 5 yrs, 11st 10lb. 4 to 1
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329-FLOR DI CUBA. 5 yrs, 11st 5lb. 3 to 1
330-LUCINDA. 4 yrs, 11st 10lb. 2 to 1
331-WILD FOX. 5 yrs, 10st 10lb. 2 to 1
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